## Citizen Resolution # 300120

(For Hearing Officer completion)



## **Establishing a Seasonal Coyote Hunt in Wisconsin**

The hunting season for coyote is year-round. A seasonal hunt is established for other fur-bearing animals (fox, raccoons and bobcats). A science based hunting season set by the DNR considers preservation of a species during denning of pups and cubs, and when raising their young.

Furbearing Animal Hunting seasons (excerpted from DNR PUB-WM-153-2020)
Raccoons-residents Unlimited Oct. 17 - Feb. 15, 2020
Raccoons-nonresidents Unlimited Nov. 2 - Feb. 15, 2020
Fox (red and gray) Unlimited Oct. 18 - Feb. 15, 2020
Coyote Unlimited Continuous open season

State management plans of Wisconsin wildlife follow the tenets of the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation: any animal harvested is used in some way (e.g.meat, pelt). The fur pelt is at its highest value during the seasonal hunt established by the DNR. The coyotes' fur pelt is of lesser value during the warm season and when the family structure is intact.

A small game license is required for hunting furbearers. Existing state laws (S.29.337(1)) allowing property owners to hunt or remove nuisance wildlife, including coyotes, from their property without a license will not change.

Would you support the Conservation Congress working to establish a coyote hunting season which falls in line with the red fox and raccoon hunting season for Wisconsin residents, and ends the Saturday before March 15.

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